PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kenji HAYASHI et al.

ATTN: Mail Stop PCT

Application No.: 10/580,821

Docket No.: 128189

Filed: May 26, 2006

For:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREFOR

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE AND FILING RECEIPT STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-captioned patent application entered the National Phase on May 26, 2006. The 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements were completed on May 26, 2006.

The original Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt have not yet been received. It is respectfully requested that the original Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt be immediately forwarded to the attorneys of record at the address set forth below.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff

Registration No. 27,075

Stephen P. Catlin

Registration No. 36,101

JAO:SPC/dem

Date: October 17, 2006

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC P.O. Box 19928 Alexandria, Virginia 22320 Telephone: (703) 836-6400